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Dear Colorado House Education Committee Chairs,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the hearing today, February 18, 2013 on HR 13-1194. As a past member of the Board of Directors, Military Officers Association of America (370,000 strong) and Past President of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (PPC-MOAA), I wanted to notify you of our strong support for HR 13-1194, a bill concerning in-state student classification for dependents of members of the armed forces. Locally, our Pikes Peak Chapter of MOAA represents over 1200 local retired, active duty, and former officers of the seven uniformed services.

As you are well aware, military service often requires frequent moves that make it difficult to establish state residency. During my 29 year-long military career, my family and I moved fourteen times, which is about once every other year. It makes it extremely difficult on dependent spouses and children to obtain in-state residence status necessary to qualify for in-state tuition at Colorado's outstanding universities. Military families' dedication in supporting their service member makes them a viable, contributing member of the military community, and to local communities around the State of Colorado.

We are delighted the committee is working to allow Service Members, Veterans and their families to take advantage of Colorado's exceptional universities by making them eligible to obtain in-state status regardless of the length of residency and greatly appreciate your support. We are pleased to see HR 13-1194 will correct this inequity and send the message of continued support by the Great State of Colorado to our military service men and women and their families .

We thank you for your support of our Service Members, Veterans and their families. If you have questions, need additional information or I may be of assistance in any way, please contact me at 719-332-5056 or [nanette.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:nanette.mueller@gmail.com).

Very respectfully,

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